



TEXAS TORN BY TORNADO

At Least a Dozen Killed and Immense Amount of Property Destroyed

EIGHT KILLED ON ONE FARM

The Greatest Loss of Life Was in the Country Districts—Every Business House in the Town of Crafton Except One Blown Down.

DALLAS, Tex., March 24.—Twelve known dead, property loss reaching hundreds of thousands of dollars and possibly a score injured, are the results of a tornado which swept the northeastern part of Wise county yesterday. The greatest loss of life occurred in the country districts. The destruction of one farm alone caused the death of eight persons. This occurred near Slidell. The towns of Sanger and Greenwood were hit and a number of houses were moved from their foundations. In this vicinity two farmers and two negro children were killed. At Crafton every business house save one was blown down and two churches were completely wrecked. At Dan, near Slidell two houses were destroyed. At Greenwood, a church was destroyed.

TOKEPA, Kan., March 24.—At Edson last night a tornado struck a freight train on the Rock Island Railroad, and nine cars were blown from the track. The storm also damaged several houses, but no lives were lost. A furious storm of sleet, rain and snow prevails throughout Northwestern Kansas.

CHICAGO, March 24.—A serious storm has developed in the Rocky Mountains. Telegraphic communication has been lost over all routes. The most difficulty appears to be within 20 miles of Denver. It is reported that Brewster, Kan., was struck by a tornado, but direct communication is lacking.

DENVER, March 24.—Eight inches of wet clinging snow following several hours of steady rain did damage at over \$200,000 in Denver last night and cut off all communication with the outside world so completely that up to a late hour tonight it had not been restored. All telephone and telegraph wires are carried down by snow and in the city 6000 telephones are put out of commission; hundreds of trees were badly damaged. For several hours this morning the street car service was at a standstill as well as suburban electric trains.

OKLAHOMA, March 24.—One of the severest windstorms and blizzards of the winter visited Western and

Southwestern Oklahoma today. Telephone and telegraph wires are down in all directions.

CHATTANOOGA, March 24.—This city experienced one of the severest windstorms of the last 10 years tonight. A 50-mile gale blew for nearly an hour resulting in much damage.

SCRIBER INDICTED.

Cashier of Wrecked La Grande Bank Must Face the Music.

PORTLAND, March 24.—Indictments were returned this afternoon by the Federal Grand Jury against J. W. Scriber, cashier of the Farmers' & Traders' National Bank of La Grande, Or., accusing him of forgery, fraudulent entry and several other violations of the Federal statutes in connection with the failure of his bank.

An indictment was also returned against Edwin B. Hill, John Gilchrist, charging them with illegal fencing of public domain, and Isaac Brun, charging him with taking liquor on the Siletz Reservation.

HARRIMAN IS BOTHERED WITH RHEUMATISM

IS NOW AT PASO ROBLES TAKING THE BATHS BEFORE RETURNING EAST.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., March 24.—E. H. Harriman has gone to Paso Robles to take baths at the Hot Springs. He is bothered with rheumatism, but his physician says he is not ill and simple desires try the springs. Before leaving here Harriman had a short conference with President Ripley of Santa Fe. He said afterwards it had no significance. Harriman will remain in Paso Robles for two or three days if present plans are carried out and then go to San Francisco where he will remain one day. He will then go to New York.

THE SANKEY DIVORCE

NEW YORK, March 24.—Mrs. Grace L. Sankey has obtained a divorce from John E. Sankey, the eldest son of the late Ira D. Sankey, the famous evangelist.

The suit was settled in the Supreme Court yesterday. Mrs. Sankey alleged misconduct on the part of her husband but he denied the charges. The Sankeys have one child a girl five years old. Sankey was confined for some time in an asylum.

SURE ENOUGH SPITE

NEW YORK, March 24.—Mrs. Carolina Dow, the widow of a real estate operator who first opened up a suburb of Yonkers, N. Y., known as Yonkers Park, threatened to sell her property holdings there in a fashionable neighborhood to negroes because the name of the suburb has been changed to Crestwood.

KIDNAPPERS ARE IDENTIFIED

Little Willie Whitta Says Man is One Who Took Him From School

MYSTERY ABOUT THE WOMAN

Will Probably be Taken Back to Pennsylvania For Trial as Penalty For Kidnapping in That State is Life Imprisonment.

CLEVELAND, March 24.—Willie Whitta today identified the man and woman held on suspicion as the persons who kidnaped him from school at Sharon. Willie said the man, who gives the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school and carried him to Cleveland and that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained and who acted the part of nurse. Boyle says the woman is his wife. The police have no other identification other than the names given. So far as the man's name is concerned, the police believe the name is correct. Boyle is said to live in Sharon and is a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother and four brothers and a sister. The woman declared her identification would create a sensation in Sharon. Whitta would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly. After the identification by Willie the couple were taken before the grand jury.

The charge under the laws of Ohio, if an indictment is found, would be blackmail as Boyle and wife are held under suspicion only. An indictment will afford the means of placing them under arrest formally. As the prisoners have not waived extradition they will be held here two or three days until necessary papers for their removal to Sharon can be arranged.

A woman known as Bary Diener, who the police say may have been associated or implicated in the plot, committed suicide today by drinking morphine.

County Prosecutor Cline is in favor of sending the couple back to Pennsylvania for trial for kidnapping where he states the penalty is life imprisonment. If for any reason they escape conviction there he says they can be brought back to Ohio for trial on the charge of blackmail.

"We shall," he declared, "watch the case closely." Mrs. Maud Foraker, wife of Henry Foraker, was seen at her home in Norwalk, Ohio, today. When she was given a description of the woman she exclaimed: "That woman again." She then broke down and wept bitterly. Mrs. Foraker would not explain her remark.

ALWAYS TOO LOW!

CHICAGO, March 24.—In support of the contention of leading railroad officials that the present rates paid by the government to the railroads for the transportation of mail are far too low, Julius Kruttschnitt vice-president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems has prepared a pamphlet containing an exhaustive argument for an increase. The subject is one that has been several times urged before Congress by representatives of the roads.

FAR FETCHED SCRUPLES

NEW YORK, March 25.—The Rev. Joseph Dillier of Nassau, Island of New Providence, the Bahamas, has arrived in New York with a view to working out by manual labor a debt which he owes to R. C. William, a wholesale grocer of this city. The amount is \$127.00. Dr. Dillier is an ordained Baptist missionary, but had been conducting a small store in Nassau. It was in this venture that he became indebted to the New York Grocer.

DES MOINES SAVES \$200,000.

Commission Plan Makes Big Saving First Year Tried.

DES MOINES, March 24.—The first year of the Des Moines commission plan of municipal government was completed today. The treasury shows a surplus of \$20,000 on hand over and above expenditures. In the year previous under the old system there was a deficit of \$180,000. Advocates of the plan, therefore, assert that the new system has saved the city over \$200,000 in the last year.

STEAMER HAS ACCIDENT.

Loses One Man Overboard, Who is Drowned.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 24.—The steamer Shoshone, outward bound from this port for San Francisco last night, shipped a heavy sea which carried away her deckload, mainmast and cargo boom, damaged the deckhouse and washed overboard one seaman, and was drowned. The steamer returned to South Bend for repairs.

COAL MINERS WILL NOT STRIKE AT PRESENT

MINERS HAVE VOTED TO REMAIN AT WORK AFTER APRIL 1ST.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 24.—Reaffirming the demands already presented to the operators, the anthracite miners tonight voted to remain at work after April 1 allowing the district executive boards in large coal fields of Pennsylvania continue their efforts to get an agreement satisfactory to the men. The miners were instructed by the convention to continue work until such time as they were otherwise notified by the official representative of the three anthracite districts and executive boards were instructed to negotiate an agreement upon such basis as the boards in their judgment, believe the conditions would warrant.

CLAIMS AND TRANSFERS

Schenectady, N. Y. March 24.—The ninth quarterly meeting of the Street Railway Association of the State of New York was held in this city today with a large and representative attendance. "Claims and Transfers" were the principal subjects discussed at the meeting.

MISSION WORKERS

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 24.—Delegates and visitors from many points were on hand today at the opening of the convention of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Mississippi Conference. The sessions are being held at the Crawford Street Methodist Church and will continue through the remainder of the week. In addition to the usual reports and other routine business the programme provides for addresses by several prominent divines and missionaries lately returned from foreign fields.

TO SELL ROSEBUD TRACTS

GREGORY, S. C. March 24.—About 50,000 acres of public lands in Gregory County will be placed on sale at public auction at the land office here tomorrow, in accordance with orders issued by the Department of the Interior at Washington. The lands form a portion of the Rosebud Indian reservation, opened to settlement and entry in 1904, and remaining undisposed of after having been subject to homestead entry for the last four years.

The lands are suitable principally for grazing purposes. The sales will be made at not less than \$1 an acre for cash and no person will be permitted to buy more than 640 acres. Purchasers will not be required to show any qualifications as to age, citizenship or otherwise, and no one will be required to reside upon or cultivate the land.

FISH COMMISSION GIVES IN

Rescinds Order Recently Issued Closing the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers

FISH FROM APRIL 15 TO MAY 1

All Other Tributary Streams of Columbia, Which Commission Ordered Closed, Affected Same Way—Opens Young's and Lewis & Clark

SALEM, Or., March 24.—Through an error in the preparation of notice by publication of the action of the board of fish commissioners in ordering an extension of the closed season for catching salmon in the Willamette and Clackamas rivers from April 15 to May 1, the commission has decided not to attempt to enforce its order, and the fishermen of those streams will be permitted to ply their trade to their hearts' content this year. The same will be true regarding the fishing in all other tributary streams to the Columbia river which the commission ordered closed during the period above mentioned.

The question was brought before the fish commission by the protest of the fishermen of the Willamette and Clackamas rivers. They said the commission went outside its legal jurisdiction in making the ruling, which was considered a discrimination. They added that the proposed extension of the closed season would deprive the fishermen of the best part of the season's catch. The fishermen were represented before the commission by Attorneys J. U. Campbell and J. E. Hedges, of Oregon City. Ordering the Willamette and Clackamas rivers closed to fishing from April 15 to May 1 was in order to make the closed season conform to that in force on the Columbia river.

Under the present fish laws of the state, the Willamette and Clackamas rivers are closed to salmon fishing from March 1 to April 15, and from June 15 to November 1 and, under the act adopted by the last session of the Legislature, which was the compromise act agreed upon between the Legislatures of Washington and Oregon, the closed seasons on the Columbia are from March 1 to May 1 and from August 25 to September 10, with 24-hour Sunday closing each week during the open season. The fishermen of the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers represented that the period between April 15 and June 15 was the most profitable period for them in taking salmon, because the high water of the Willamette, which comes annually before or about the latter date, prevents them from operating their wheels and gillnets, and to close the streams from April 15 to May 1, as proposed, would put them out of business.

SCRUTINIZING COAL

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The government has taken important steps to stop the waste of fuel resources of the country, by making test of the coal of the Rocky Mountain region at the geological survey plant in Denver Colo., the purpose being to determine what coals of this region are capable of making coke that can be used by the great metallurgical interests of the West.

EDITORS IN SESSION

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 24.—The members of the Southern Press Association, including well known newspaper editors and publishers from all over the South, gathered in annual session here today to renew acquaintances and discuss questions of common interest. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the visitors during their stay in the city.

LEGISLATURE DEADLOCKED.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 24.—After 12 joint ballots today the legislature found itself still deadlocked over a successor to United States Senator Hopkins.

APPROVES SENTENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—President Taft today approved the sentence dismissing from the army of Major Francis P. Fremont, son of "The Pathfinder," convicted of insubordination.

AD KINDAPPERS.

SHARON, March 24.—Believing that the most interesting part of the story of the kidnapping of Willie Whitta is yet to come, the people of Sharon are waiting in eager expectancy the conclusive identification of the persons arrested in Cleveland.

NOTHING DOING.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—No additional jurors were secured in the Calhoun case today.

INSURGENTS ARE STILL ACTIVE IN CONGRESS

LIABLE TO BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT AND MAKE TROUBLE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Like the South American revolution the insurrection in the Republican ranks in the House refuses to be subdued. While there is no apparent indication of any movement on the part of the insurgents to reopen their fight, it is known that no rule to limit the amendments to the tariff bill has been brought out because of the uncertainty of Murdock of Kansas and other insurgents. It is understood that the rules committee are merely awaiting a favorable opportunity to bring in a rule which will limit the number of changes. This rule will probably not be presented before next week, and will not shut off the reading of tariff under the five-minute rule, but it is proposed as a means of unnecessary delay in bringing about its passage.

THE SALT OF IT

WASHINGTON, March 24.—President Taft, by executive order, has changed the spelling of the LaSalle National Forest in Southeastern Utah to LaSal, to conform to the local application of the name to the Salt Mountains, called by the Spanish "La Sal", evidently with reference to the salt deposits found in the region. Formerly the spelling of the name of this forest was through a misunderstanding, made to conform with the name of LaSalle, the French explorer.

FASHIONS FOR MEN

NEW YORK, March 24.—With merchant tailors gathered from all parts of the United States, the American styles and fashion show opened in New York yesterday and will con-

CLARK REPLIES ON TARIFF

Minority Leader Holds Attention of the House for More Than Five Hours

PAYNE BILL MISTAKES CITED

Spoke in Characteristic Style and Frequently Moved the House to Applause—Received an Ovation From Democratic Members at the Close.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Declaring among other things that the mistake made in the Payne bill in not arranging the revision on a basis of raising revenue only on every element, Clark of Missouri, the minority leader held the attention of the House for more than five hours today in a discussion of the measure. Incidentally he pointed out that much time would have been saved in consideration of the bill had the Democratic members of the committee been consulted about various provisions of the proposed law. Clark spoke in characteristic style and frequently moved the House to applause and laughter. At the conclusion of his remarks he received an ovation from the Democratic members of the House. He was followed by Washburn of Massachusetts. Adams of Georgia, the former attacking the inheritance tax provision of the bill while the latter opposed the erection of a tariff wall so high as to prevent the people of the United States buying all the markets of the world as well as disposing of their surplus products.

The tariff bill to be recommended by the Senate committee on finance will be ready to be reported on the day the Payne bill passes the House, according to present intentions of the Republican members of the committee who are holding daily sessions in consideration of the schedules on earthenware and pottery begun and concluded today.

One well known tailor sums up to the prediction for Summer styles as follows:

"The style this Summer will be plain, soft, well tailored garments. While some tailors stick to the college styles and make snappy stuff, the men who pay \$85 and up for suits want the money to show in real tailoring not in gewgaws."

There are some startling garments among the exhibits. Among them are an evening coat made with "hips" and the Taft overcoat which contains enough cloth for a small circus tent, and which coincidentally is sent by Charles P. Taft, of Erie, Pa., a cousin of the President and a smoke colored suit from Pittsburg. The "loudest" garment in the collection is a coat from Kansas City.

SPEEDY TRIALS WILL BE GIVEN

Parties Under Indictment for Participating in Land Frauds Will be Tried at Once

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Binger Hermann, J. N. Williamson and other Oregon men who have long rested under indictment, some for more than four years, will be given a speedy trial or else the indictments against them will be dismissed. Attorney-General Wickersham has learned of the manner in which the trial of these cases has been staved off from time to time, and has given orders that such proceedings will no longer be tolerated. These defendants under the Constitution are guaranteed a speedy trial, and if the Government after all this time is unable to place them on trial other steps will be taken to close the cases.

FEDERAL JUDGESHIP STILL HANGS FIRE

Attorney Becker as Agent for Heney Has Filed a Report of Charges Made Against Fulton

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Almost impenetrable atmosphere of reticence surrounds the question of the Oregon Judgeship as to the departments and principals. The Attorney-General's office refuses to discuss the matter beyond stating that it will be given full and prompt consideration. Fulton, who is here, says he has no information to give. Senator Bourne says that contrary to reports he has taken no hand in the fight, and has not decided whether he will

Senator Chamberlain states that he has taken no action. Attorney Becker has had a conference with the President and Attorney-General, but declines to give its purport. He is to have another conference tomorrow with the Attorney-General.

It is known that Becker filed with the Attorney-General a protest from F. J. Heney against Fulton's appointment. The protest and Heney's charges have been referred to Fulton, and an opportunity given him to make a response.